

CLAIMS

The embodiments of the invention in which and exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

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- 5 A decorative cover for metal office furniture comprising:
a magnetic sheet;
a decorative layer laminated to said magnetic sheet to form a lamination dimensioned to cover a metal office furniture component, said lamination defining an aperture.

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- 10 The decorative cover of claim 1 wherein said aperture is dimensioned to correspond to a physical feature of the furniture component.

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The decorative cover of claim 1 wherein said magnetic sheet is flexible.

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- 15 The decorative cover of claim 1 wherein said decorative layer is selected from one of fabric, vinyl, leather, veneer, marker-board surface, and high-pressure laminate.

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- An article of office furniture comprising:
a metal office furniture piece including at least one component; and
20 a magnetic decorative cover overlying substantially all of and attached to said component.

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The article of office furniture in claim 5 wherein said decorative cover includes a magnetic sheet and a decorative material laminated to said sheet.

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5 The article of office furniture in claim 6 wherein said decorative material is selected from one of fabric, vinyl, leather, veneer, marker-board surface, and high-pressure laminate.

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The article of office furniture in claim 6, wherein said magnetic sheet is flexible.

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The article of furniture in claim 5 wherein said decorative cover defines a cutout for providing access to a physical feature of the furniture component.

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15 The article of furniture in claim 5 wherein said decorative cover defines a cutout for providing an aesthetic appearance such as a logo.

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A method for altering the appearance of metal office furniture comprising the steps of:

20 providing a magnetic decorative cover having dimensions substantially the same as a component of the metal office furniture;

aligning the cover with the component;

allowing the aligned cover to magnetically adhere to the component to substantially cover the entire component.

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The method in claim 11 wherein said providing step includes providing the cover with a cutout aligned with a physical feature of said component when said cover is aligned with said component.

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A method of manufacturing a decorative cover for metal office furniture comprising the steps of:

laminating a decorative layer to a magnetic sheet to form a lamination; and
cutting the lamination.

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The method in claim 13 wherein said cutting step includes cutting the lamination to desired overall dimensions for the cover.

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The method of claim 13 wherein said cutting step includes cutting cutouts in the
15 lamination within the overall dimensions of the cover.

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The method of claim 13 wherein said cutting step includes at least one of laser cutting and die-cutting.

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